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SUBJ: LOCK-IN AT GENERAL MOTORS PORTUGUESA

1. US-CITIZEN TREASURER OF GENERAL MOTORS PORTUGUESA, WIN SCHNITZLER, FORCIBLY PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING OFFICE NIGHT OF MAY 9 BY WORKERS COMMISSION. AS OF 11:00 AM MAY 10, SCHNITZLER, WHO IS HIGHEST RANKING G.M. EMPLOYEE IN PORTUGAL AT PRESENT TIME, STILL INSIDE OFFICE. AFTER INITIAL SCUFFLE IN WHICH KEYS WERE TAKEN TO PREVENT DEPARTURE, SCHNITZLER HAS BEEN TREATED WELL AND ALLOWED TO TALK WITH FAMILY AND EMBASSY OFFICER.

2. ACCORDING SCHNITZLER, WORKERS COMMISSION HAS NOT ALLOWED DEPARTURE BECAUSE FIRM WILL NOT AGREE TO WORKERS' DEMANDS REGARDING COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASES AND CONSTITUTION OF WORKERS COMMITTEES. THESE COMMITTEES WOULD TAKE OVER SEVERAL IMPORTANT MANAGEMENT PREOGATIVES.

3. G.M. MANAGING DIRECTOR, PRESENTLY IN GERMANY FOR TALKS WITH HIGH-LEVEL G.M.-EUROPE OFFICIALS, IS AWARE OF SITUATION AND HAS ADVISED SUPERIORS IN LONDON AND NEW YORK. G.M. HAS NOT REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE; THEY ATTEMPTING RESOLVE PROBLEM WITHOUT USG INTERVENTION. EMBASSY KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SITUATION.

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